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Officers 2015

President: Larry Shields Vice President: Jim Gorman Secretary: Allie DeCampo Treasurer: Dan Feidler Officer-at-Large: John Bosco Membership Director: Joe Michalik Immediate Past President: N/A First Word

It's starting to get cooler at night, leading to some great night time cruising with the top down. But it also means I've actually seen some of the trees in my area starting to shift colors. It's starting to look like fall is starting to arrive, but it doesn't seem fair – after the winter we had this last year, I was hoping we might get some bonus summer months. So at this point, I'm just holding out hope for a long fall/autumn season, and let's hope the snow holds off until December or so. There's still some great Corvette events left this year, and I want to have good weather for all of them!

Most important, coming up very soon is Vettes to Vets. I hope we can get a whole lot of folks from the club to bring out their cars for this event. It's such a great fund raiser for the Veterans, and a great way to show support for those who have served their country. With so many cars showing up for this event, it's really an amazing sight to see. So pick up some items to donate (or cash donations are always accepted too!) and meet up with club members caravanning down to the event as a group.

October will bring a weekend event up in Ellsworth, ME which would make for a great cruise, and the week after is the New England Corvette Caravan Reunion event in Samoset, ME. The reunion will be a great chance for folks to talk about the fun we had last year – and start talking about the plans for what's to come in 4 years when we do it again! We're also working on our plans for a Vermont cruise that we might try to schedule for October as well – keep your eyes on our mailing list for details.

Finally – a reminder that elections are coming very soon for our club. We have our election committee out trying to get names for folks who are willing to run for the various positions, but we need volunteers to

help fill those slots. I'm sure these appeals might fall on deaf ears – but I'm hoping someone might think twice & reconsider taking a position for a year to help keep the club chugging along. Fresh blood help keeps things evolving & changing!

Until we see each other again!

SAVE THE WAVE

-Larry S.

Vice President / Activities Director

Jim Gorman

GCCC's Bennington Monument Day Trip

Coordinated by Jill & Mike Dupont

Date: Sunday October 18, 2015 - this is a shine only event (if it rains, we'll do it next year)

Time: Meet at 9:00AM at the Carrabba's parking lot, 2 Upjohn Street, Bedford, NH (located next to Macy's)

We will cruise to the Bennington Monument (information below). Pack a small lunch and bring a drink to picnic on the grass at the Bennington Monument, in Bennington, Vermont. You can take the elevator to the top of the Monument, which costs \$5 per person. After lunch we plan to stop at the Vermont Confectionary for ice cream and old time candy (link below) and then on the way back, we'll stop to check out the foliage at the Hog Back Mountain Scenic Overlook (link below). It is approximately 2.5 hours each way, but it may be a little longer depending on leaf peepers. Show up with a full tank!

Hope you can make it! If you would like to go, please email me, by October 10th!

*We realize this is the same weekend as the Samoset Caravan Reunion in Maine, which is sure to be a great time! For those not planning on attending the reunion, it would be great to see you!

The Bennington Battle Monument, Vermont's Most Popular State Historic Site

The <u>Bennington Battle Monument</u> is 306 feet 4 and 1/2 inches tall and was completed and dedicated in 1891. It is constructed from blue-grey magnesium limestone. The Monument was built to commemorate the <u>Battle of</u> <u>Bennington</u> which occurred on August 16, 1777, and is considered to be the turning point in the Revolutionary War. It is owned by the State of Vermont, and is supported by The <u>Friends of the Monument</u>, a non-profit volunteer group. A number of <u>events</u> are scheduled at the Monument each year, and the public is welcome.

Visit the Vermont State website: www.historicvermont.org

Vermont Confectionary: <u>http://vermontcandy.com/verstore2.html</u>

Hog Back Mountain Scenic Overlook: http://www.hogbackgifts.com/



Larry began the September meeting by thanking everyone for attending. He also thanked MacMulkin Chevrolet for the use of their facility. A dinner count was taken for after the meeting. He announced that the shipment of tote bags (like the ones we provided at Spring Fling) have arrived in all colors ordered with the exception of red. It was noted that several members were out of town at a Corvette event.

Membership Director: Joe Michalik, membership director, was unable to attend the meeting. The club welcomed new member, Walter Bieniek, attending his 3nd meeting. Walter owns a 2000 red convertible.

Secretary: Allie posted minutes of the August meeting in latest newsletter. A motion was made to accept the minutes. The motion carried and the minutes were accepted. She asked that everyone support the newsletter by sending articles, photos, member profiles, and anything else that would be of interest to the club.

Treasurer: Dan Feidler, treasurer, was unable to attend the meeting. Larry S. gave an overview of the most recent treasurer's report. A motion was made by Larry G. and seconded by Jim to accept the treasurer's report. The motion carried and the treasurer's report was accepted.

Officer at Large: John Bosco highlighted upcoming events. JANE (Jaguar Association of New England) Autocross is on September 12th in North Andover, Mass. All cars are welcome. Larry S. and Rick have participated in the past. Larry plans to attempt to beat his personal best. He mentioned that it's a good idea to try out the pattern of cones before the actual times. Great Bay Corvette Club's Driven to Make a Difference is Sept 19th at Sig Sauer in Newington, NH. (Rain or shine.) Proceeds benefit the NH Food Bank. The 12th Annual Vettes to Vets is scheduled for September 27th. Participants are invited to meet at Marriott Hotel for a buffet breakfast prior to the motorcade to the Veteran's Hospital in Bedford, Mass. There is a banquet the evening before at the Marriott and special rates are offered to those who wish to spend the night. If traveling to the event in the morning, plan to meet at 7:00 am to caravan together. Participants are asked to bring personal items for veterans and cash donations are also accepted. Last year was the largest turnout in the show's history with over 540 cars participating.

Vice President/Activities Director: Jim Gorman was unable to attend the meeting. Jill D. is planning a fall cruise to Bennington, Vermont. We will try to coordinate the trip to Quechee Inn for early November due to limited availability in October.

Veteran's Affairs Coordinator: John Slavin announced the next Ice Cream Social at the Tilton Veteran's Home is on December 5, 2016. John will be sending out a flyer and information on the Adopt-a-Vet gift program.

President Larry talked about the club's charitable contribution to Adopt-a-Family for the upcoming holiday season. A portion of the proceeds from Spring Fling has been set aside to buy clothes and toys for the families. Heather has once again volunteered to coordinate shopping for the items. This is a fun club activity so please contact Heather if you would like to go along and help out.

The club's annual holiday party is held in early January. In the past, we have reserved the Lion's Hall in Londonderry. We have a pot luck dinner and Yankee Swap. (Gifts for the Yankee Swap are \$25.00 for each individual wishing to participate. Please wrap and place a tag indicating for male, female, or either.) It is BYOB and there is a full kitchen available as well as power strips for crock pots, etc. One of our

members usually provides music. Please let Larry S. know if you would like be coordinator for this event. (Responsibility is basically maintaining a list of pot luck items people plan to bring so we don't end up with 25 crockpots of meatballs!)

Election of Board of Directors for 2016 is coming up in November. Election Committee volunteers are Dave Hill, Jim McLaughlin, and Dennis Corrigan. They will be reaching out to members who may be interested in serving on the board.

The winner of the 50/50 drawing was Dean Gagne. The membership drawing was not held so the amount of the drawing rolls over to next month's meeting. Larry adjourned the meeting at 8:00 pm.

That Poor Vette...

Larry Shields



This month, we have a yellow C7 Stingray in Midland, North Carolina. As is popular with us Corvette owners, this owner was heading out for a nice ice cream treat at the Sundae Shoppe, when he lost control in the store parking lot & plowed into a power pole. The driver is okay, but the power pole & the Vette were not so lucky...

Corvette Trivia of the Month



Question of the month: What year did Corvette bodies change from traditional fiberglass to the smoother, more rigid SMC (Sheet Molded Compound)?

Answer to last month's Corvette Trivia Question:

Question: What year was the 283 CI, 283 horsepower, RamJet Fuel Injection engine introduced?

Answer: Corvettes with this option referred to as "Fuelies" were introduced in 1957.



RUNNING THE CONES

By Larry Shields

Once again, the Jaguar Association of New England (JANE) held their Slalom event, in which all cars are welcome to put down times racing around the temporary track of orange cones in a parking lot in North Andover, MA. Dave Hill & I drove down to the event, where we met up with Rick Pratt who came to watch as well. At the last JANE Slalom event, I had managed to put down a 42.108 time which had been my best so far. I was now seeking to get down into the 41s, and I knew I was leaving plenty of time on the course to make up few tenths I'd need to do it.



For the first five runs that make up the official times, we had 3 runs and then took a lunch break, followed by two more after. My first few runs were all in the 43s, which was okay for a start, but I had hoped by run 3 to be in the 42s. It wasn't until run 5 where things were finally starting to click again, and I felt like I was starting to get the car handling like I wanted – and put down a 42.589. Not where I wanted to be. But then came the dollar laps – while they're not part of the official event times, they're still timed runs on the exact same course, so if you're just looking for personal best times, they're just as valid a time. I paid to do 3 more runs, and hit paydirt. Run one had a 42.255, heading the right direction... and I felt like I just needed to put a little more faith in the car to hold during the turns. My next two runs had me achieving my goal of the day & proving it wasn't a fluke – 41.784 and 41.672!

I was really happy with those 41s, as there are some dedicated track cars that are putting down times in the 41s. If I can get my times down into the low 41s, I should be giving them a run for their money – and we'll show what an unmodified Vette can do just pulling in off the street!

This was Dave's first autocross event with JANE, and quickly went to work on learning the course (you need to remember the peanut – cross-over – oval trips to take around the cones). He put down a 48.971 for his very first time around, and over the course of the next several runs managed to knock almost 4 seconds off that time – getting down to a 45.059 on his 5^{th} run.

JANE runs two of these events a year, and will be running them again next year as well. I look forward to going back down – and hope to drag a few more folks along again next year. These events are really a great time, and it's a lot of fun pushing the edges of the car's handling capabilities going around these cones so quickly. Definitely the most fun you can have in first gear! It's also a blast to chat with the other drivers who show up, with a great range of sports cars, classic Jags, and even just modern Audi station wagons!



Lotus Elise & Jaguar F-Type R



Jag F-Type and Stalker Lotus 7 Kit-car



Jaguar XKE



Lotus Exige



Triumph Spitfire GT



Classics always Look Awesome



Dave Hill in the Start Box



Rick Pratt taking a Lap

NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM NEWS

Skydome Ribbon Cutting, 1-Millionth Reveal

It's official! A year and a half after a large sinkhole formed in the Skydome of the National Corvette Museum, the 13 story iconic landmark is back, better than ever, with all eight "sinkhole Corvettes" returned to display. Though the Skydome re-opened to visitors on July 6, a ceremonial ribbon cutting (or

rather, caution tape cutting) was held as part of the Museum's 21st Anniversary Celebration.

After more than four months and 1,200 man-hours of painstaking craftsmanship by the GM team, the restoration of the milestone 1-Millionth Corvette is complete, and the car was unveiled in the Skydome following the ribbon cutting.



First Long Beach Red Vette Delivered

Thursday, August 27 the NCM hosted their first R8C Museum Delivery of a Long Beach Red Corvette.

In the shade and on Corvette Boulevard the car appears to be a deep, almost maroon red. But in the sunlight it sparkles much like Crystal Red, but a deeper shade.



For information about NCM membership contact Dan Feidler @ dfeidler@cranshaw.com

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SCENES FROM VETTES TO VETS

Photos Courtesy of Joe Michalik





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WHERE OLDER CARS GO TO LOOK NEW AGAIN

By Allie DeCampo

A few weeks ago, I sent out an email to all Gate City Corvette Club members asking if anyone knew of an excellent auto body shop where I could take my 1998 BMW 328is for restoration work. My beloved car seemed to be suddenly showing signs of age. I soon discovered that most shops just do collision work on newer cars and want nothing to do with corrosion. I wondered – Doesn't anyone keep their cars long enough to rust? Where do the older cars go to get fixed and looking new again? Since I didn't have a solid lead from my inquiry, I proceeded to do a google search.

Well, I found out where these treasured older cars end up – at **Cutting Edge Industries in Candia, NH.** They specialize in detailed restoration of vintage cars, general auto repair services, complete fleet maintenance services for utility companies and heavy equipment repair work. It's a family owned business run by 3 brothers, Alan, Bryan, and Craig Barbin. On their website I read:





"We have been working together for over 20 years. Although all three of us

can perform any task required, over the years we have worked into our areas of specialty that has made Cutting Edge Industries the efficient operation it is today. As a family business, we work hard, play hard, and thoroughly enjoy what we do every day. We are committed to one another and our customers."

When I first arrived at the shop, I noticed several vehicles of various years, makes, and models surrounding the building. This definitely looked like a place where they could "*tackle everything*." I met with Bryan who "*is very meticulous in the auto body paint process*." He was professional from start to finish. He quickly looked at my car, gave me a quote, and scheduled the necessary work. He also explained in detail what needed to be done. He took the car in as scheduled and, although the work was more involved than anticipated, he completed everything on the date that he said he would.

My BMW looked fantastic! Bryan went above and beyond to make sure the body work was done properly and that the paint matched perfectly. It was nice to meet someone who takes such pride in his work and shows enthusiasm in what he does every day. I'm sure I'll be back again sooner than later! They have an interesting and informative website explaining the many services they offer at <u>www.nhautorestoration.com</u>.



Cutting Edge Industries, 13 Deer Run Road, Candia, NH, (603) 483-5097

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ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS 2016

It's that time, again!! November is the month in which Gate City Corvette Club elects the Board Members for the following calendar year. Below is a description of the responsibilities of each position as outlined in our by-laws.

Duties of the President

The President shall preside at all meetings of the members and officers. The President shall have, in conjunction with the Treasurer, the general supervision, care and management of all the property, business, and affairs of the Club, its officers, agents, and servants, except so far as their duties may be specially prescribed by law, by the Club By-laws, or by the directors. In the absence of the Treasurer, the President shall make, sign, endorse, and accept for and in the name and on behalf of the Club and in the regular course of its business, promissory notes, drafts, and checks. He/She shall perform the duties pertaining to this office. He/She may call special meetings under the provisions of Article V. He/She shall be the Chief Executive of the Club.

Duties of the Vice President

In the absence of the President or in the case of his/her death, resignation, or inability to act, the duties usually pertaining to that office shall be performed by the Vice President. He/She shall also serve as Chairman of the Activities Committee and may appoint two other members to this committee.

Duties of the Secretary

The Secretary shall attend all meetings of the members and officers and shall record all minutes and votes in a book kept for that purpose or by electronic storage and backed up periodically but not longer than annually. He/She shall keep an up-to-date roll call of all Club members. He/She shall give all notices of meetings of the members required by law or the By-laws and shall perform all duties incidental to the office required by law or by the majority vote of the officers. He/She and the appointed website manager shall have custody of the Club's records (see Article IV Section 4). He/She shall expedite/coordinate the compilation and distribution of the monthly newsletter in the absence of an appointed member. In the absence of the Secretary from any of the said meetings, a Secretary pro tempore shall be chosen by the presiding officers. He/She will give written notice to any member who is being considered for expulsion.

Duties of the Treasurer

The Treasurer shall, subject to such conditions and restrictions as may be made by the officers, have custody of all moneys, debts, and obligations belonging to the Club. He/she shall receive all moneys of the Club and deposit same in the Club account. All cash moneys give to the Club Treasurer shall be issued a receipt and a copy given to the person(s), organization, or company presenting cash moneys. All receipts will be part of the permanent Club records. He/she shall make all payments of the Club

debts upon approval of the President. All contracts, checks, drafts, notes, or other orders for payment of money shall be signed in the name of the Club by the Treasurer. In values in excess of \$500 dollars a countersignature by the President or Vice President shall be required. He/She shall give bond, at Club expense, if required by the officers. The Treasurer shall give a report on the financial status of the Club at the Annual Meeting and the monthly meetings and if so required or requested, at any other meeting of the officers. The Treasurer without the specific approval of the President shall incur no obligation, debt, or other liability. He/She shall be responsible for submitting an invoice form for email_or mailing out bills for yearly dues.

Duties of the Officer-At-Large

The Officer-at-Large shall serve as Public Relations Chairman, having the privileges to appoint any associates, as he/she deems necessary. He/she will keep the membership current on all Corvette shows and functions my monitoring the 'Calendar of Events' and bringing items of particular interest to the Club's attention. The Officer-at-Large shall perform all other duties, as the officers shall see fit.

Duties of the Membership Director

The Membership Director's duties will include:

- Introduction and registration of new members
- Responsibility for Club jackets, T-shirts, patches, emblems, etc.
- Attends officer meetings

ADVERTISEMENT SECTION

Advertisers are welcome. Please contact Allie DeCampo <u>adecampo@myfairpoint.net</u> if you are interested in advertising. Our monthly online newsletter is available to our members, other Corvette clubs, and all visitors to our website under the newsletter section. <u>www.gatecitycorvetteclub.com</u>.

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Gate City Corvette Club, Invites you to the 4th Annual

Holiday lee Gream Social

^{at the} New Hampshire Veterans Home 139 Winter Street, Tilton, NH 03276





Please join us in honoring our New Hampshire Veterans

December 5th 2015 from 2:00 – 4:00

There will be Ice Cream, Music, and Raffles

John and Carol Slavin will be coordinating details

carolaslavin@yahoo.com

Anyone attending that would like to bring a "Goody Bag" (see attached list) or checkers, chess, or a table game may do so. No food please!

NHVH Sunshine Cart

The *Sunshine Cart* provides a wide variety of personal care items for our Residents. The *Sunshine Cart* is particularly important to those Residents who are not able to attend shopping trips, allowing them to make their own selections FREE OF CHARGE. The Sunshine cart items are not sold to the Residents. If you would like to make a monetary donation toward sunshine cart items, please make your check payable to NHVH Benefit Fund and reference "Sunshine Cart" on the memo line.

Residents prefer standard size products that can be used for an extended period. We do not stock travel size items on the Sunshine Cart. Listed below are examples of preferred items:

- Denture cleaning tablets: Efferdent or Polident
- * Denture adhesive: Fixodent or Poligrip
- Toothpaste, toothbrushes
- Stick Deodorants
- Hair combs and brushes
- Emery boards
- Body wash
- Pre-shave
- Disposable razors
- After Shave: Old Spice, Aqua Velva, Mennen
- Mouthwash
- Lip balm/Chap stick
- Kleenex tissues
- Body Lotion and/or Baby body lotion
- Individually packaged eyeglass cleaner wipes
- Hair cream: V05 or Brylcreem
- Shampoo: 2 in 1 Shampoo, Baby Shampoo, or Dandruff Shampoo
- ✤ 6X9 inch lined writing tablets
- Envelops #10
- Postage Stamps
- Large print crossword puzzle books and/or word find books

~Please NO powder items, or Q-Tips~

If you require additional information about the New Hampshire Veterans Home Sunshine Cart, please contact Lisa Punderson at (603) 527-4449 or e-mail lisa.punderson@nhvh.nh.gov

NEW HAMPSHIRE VETERANS HOME

DONATION FORM

THANK YOU FOR YOUR THOUGHTFUL DONATION. PLEASE PROVIDE US WITH THE INFORMATION LISTED SO WE CAN PROPERLY ACKNOWLEDGE YOUR DONATION. THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED IN ORDER FOR THE VETERANS HOME TO ACCEPT YOUR DONATION. PLEASE MAKE PAYABLE TO NHVH RESIDENT BENEFIT FUND MEMO: CHRISTMAS

\$50 donation will buy Veteran two gifts (1 for Christmas Party-1 for Christmas Day) Any amount is welcome.

NAME OF DONOR:

NAME OF ORGANIZATION, GROUP, BUSINESS, ETC.:

COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS:

ITEM(S) DONATED:

ESTIMATED VALUE:

SIGNATURE OF DONOR:

TODAY'S DATE: ____

Referred by John Slavin / Gate City Corvette Club, Nashua NH

ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

Please contact the newsletter editor (Allie DeCampo) if you know of an event you would like listed in following month's newsletter. In addition, let the editor know if you are willing to be the contact person for the event. This way, other club members who may be interested in the event will know who to contact for information (date, time, location, where to meet to caravan, etc.)

September 11,	2015
7:00 pm	MacMulkin Chevrolet, 3 Marmon Drive, Nashua NH
Go to	https://www.facebook.com/GateCityCorvetteClub for a list of upcoming events.

PUBLISHING INFORMATION – The next article/ad submission date is September 21th

Please help by sharing news about trips you've taken, shows you've attended, and suggestions for club activities, as well as technical advice, cleaning tips, or anything else that you feel would be of interest to our members. The club needs your input!

Letters, articles, notices, and ads are to be received by the third Friday of each month for inclusion in the upcoming newsletter. Classified ads are to be submitted on a monthly basis, and will not be carried over to the following month. Please contact the editor if you know of a business interested in purchasing advertising space in the newsletter. Thank you.

Contact: Allie DeCampo Secretary / Newsletter Editor adecampo@myfairpoint.net (603) 434-4588

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